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(C) On May 30, we delivered reftel points to Arti Hilpus, MFA Director for Security Policy and Arms Control, and Taimar Peterkop, MOD Director for Operations, requesting that Estonia provide one OMLT (Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams) in RC-S (Regional Command-South) and five trainers for CSTC-A (Combined Security Assistance Command - Afghanistan). Peterkop and Hilpus reiterated that Afghanistan is Estonia's top foreign policy priority, but that resource restraints make it difficult for Estonia to meet these specific requests at this time. However, Peterkop said that Estonia might be able to provide one to two trainers at a later date. While Estonia is unlikely to increase its contribution to ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) now, Peterkop said that the MOD is independently exploring ways to add to its contribution in the future: (1) a medical team, (2) a logistics team, and (3) a mortar section. While the MOD cannot provide a timeline for these increases, Peterkop shared this information with us to demonstrate that Estonia does not plan to reduce its contributions to Afghanistan.

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